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The claim amendments submitted March 18, 2004 and June 4, 2004, have overcome the claim objections and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a) are withdrawn in light of the corrected request for interference under 37 CFR 1.607(a) and the statement under 37 CFR 1.608(a), submitted June 4, 2004. The rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph, is maintained.

The instant application is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of six months, pending a potential interference.

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